to sensitize the village functionaries and NGOs to undertake such a campaign in the interior areas of Chandel and Churachandpur districts. Army has also offered to train the police/CPOs personnel deployed in the area for detection/neutralization of IEDs.

Talks with ULFA and NDFB

*225. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BHAHMA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is stalemate in the peace process with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that another armed outfit namely, National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) is already under cease fire and expressed willingness for negotiated settlement; and

(d) if so, by when the formal talks are expected to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The people's Consultative Group (PCG) of Assam held two rounds of talks with the Government on 26.10.05 and 7.2.06. During second round of talks on 7.2.06, it was agreed that another round of talks with PCG will be held as early as possible, before the commencement of the talks with the United Liberation Front of Assam.

(c) and (d) An agreement for Suspension of Operation (SoO) *w.e.f.* June 1, 2005 for one year has been signed between the Government of India, Government of Assam and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB). NDFB has yet to submit its charter of demand to the Government. It is therefore premature to indicate the timeframe for formal talks with NDFB.

Need to broadbase the committee set up for stamping and marking

*256. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: